

From: [Craig Cooper](#)
To: [Claire Trombadore](#)
Subject: Re: Fw: Technical Assistance to Community Members
Date: 07/15/2009 11:40 AM

Claire - oops, sorry about that. I didnt notice there were more emails on this topic before I responded. I didnt know that you felt strongly about putting this in writing to the Congressionals. Doing an email is actually the best approach to put closure to this issue but I (we?) still need to come to some sort of consensus on this issue with David, Luis, and (Dana?) and I fear that may take more time than just a quick call to the congressional staffers. I did meet with David and Luis on this and we apparently had a different recollection on what we agreed to (based on recent email traffic from them). So, I suggested that we regroup on this when I get back in the office.....and I think it will make sense for you to be part of the decision since it will have workload implications (if we decide to something other than "just say no").

Do you want me to clarify the discrepancies in our emails to Jim?

Craig

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To: Jim Vreeland/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
From: Claire Trombadore/R9/USEPA/US
Date: 07/15/2009 10:20AM
cc: Craig Cooper/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Nicole Moutoux/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
Subject: Re: Fw: Technical Assistance to Community Members

again - hopefully we can do the email reply and not have to have a call.....

Jim Vreeland---07/15/2009 07:56:34 AM---Yes...that would be fine. I'll send her an email and see if we could touch base next week (my only

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Cc: Claire Trombadore/R9/USEPA/US@EPA, Nicole Moutoux/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
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Yes...that would be fine. I'll send her an email and see if we could touch base next week (my only day would be thurs afternoon) or even the following week. I'll let you know what I hear. Would Thurs at 2:30 (july 23) work for you?

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Craig Cooper---07/15/2009 01:44:23 AM---Jim - Do you think we can get back to Lisa and Molly next week? I need to meet again with the R9

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Date: 07/15/2009 01:44 AM

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Jim - Do you think we can get back to Lisa and Molly next week? I need to meet again with the R9 TASC people before we issue an "official" EPA position on this matter. Craig

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From: Jim Vreeland/R9/USEPA/US

Date: 07/14/2009 01:14PM

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I think that would be great. And, I think that they would be fine with this type of response. I just don't want them to send a letter that we have to respond to. Thanks, Jim

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Claire Trombadore---07/14/2009 12:12:13 PM---Hi Jim - Nicole and Craig are out and I am in mandatory all training through Thursday. I am thinking

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Date: 07/14/2009 12:12 PM

Subject: Re: Fw: Technical Assistance to Community Members

Hi Jim - Nicole and Craig are out and I am in mandatory all training through Thursday. I am thinking we could address this via an email reply and commitment to follow-up.

Craig - could we craft a brief email reply on the issue and then let them know that we will further update them at our next monthly call on August 6. Our reply would be something like: *EPA appreciated the opportunity to meet with the community recently and discuss the TASC program. The TASC program is just one of many community support programs EPA considers and makes available at sites we work on. EPA has decide not to continue with the TASC program for the Santa Susana Field Lab site at this time as we are only just beginning to scope out the upcoming work and have determined that until our work at SSFL is further established we will not be able to effectively implement the TASC or make milestone documents available for TASC review. We intend to revisit TASC for SSFL in the next 9-12 months. We intend to share this decision with the community in writing in the near future and will ensure that you receive copies of the correspondence. Thank you and should you have any questions please let me know.*

Jim Vreeland---07/14/2009 11:18:25 AM---Today and tomorrow are my last days in the office for over a week. Is there a chance that we could

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Date: 07/14/2009 11:18 AM

Subject: Fw: Technical Assistance to Community Members - TASC

Today and tomorrow are my last days in the office for over a week. Is there a chance that we could do a call on this before 2pm on Weds? Thanks,

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Date: 07/14/2009 09:53 AM

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Thanks very much – we appreciate it!

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Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 7:15 AM

To: O'Brien, Molly (Feinstein)

Cc: Pinto, Lisa

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I just sent a note to the program folks about a call...let me see what could work for folks over the next few days. I don't know if we made any specific decision but that was the questions that I asked program. I'll let you know what I hear. Jim

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Date: 07/13/2009 05:07 PM

Subject: RE: FW: Technical Assistance to Community Members - TASC

Hi Jim,

I hope you had a nice weekend. Today Lisa and I met to discuss this issue, and we would appreciate an update on where the EPA stands on their next steps regarding the TASC expert. One of our questions is that if the EPA has decided that ultimately it cannot assign an expert to this site due to the divisions within the community – would you be willing to write a letter to the West Hills Neighborhood Council stipulating why?

Lisa and I can send you availability for a call if you would like.

Thanks Jim,
Molly

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